

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for preparing a fluid food with a desired consumption temperature on demand, the device comprising:

- (a) a first water reservoir which comprises a first controllable water outlet, a first heater operable to heat water in said first reservoir and a first thermal sensor operable to report temperature of water contained in said first reservoir;
- (b) a second water reservoir which comprises a second controllable water outlet, a second heater operable to heat water in said second reservoir and a second thermal sensor operable to report temperature of water contained in said second reservoir;~~at least two water reservoirs, each having a controllable water outlet operable and a thermal sensor for detecting a temperature of water therein;~~
- (cb) at least one a first container for holding a formula, said first container having a first controllable dispenser for dispensing said formula; and
- (de) a data-processor/controller operable to receive water temperature data from said first and second thermal sensors, further operable to calculate a data processor being operably coupled with each said thermal sensor, for receiving thermal records therefrom and for determining a quantity of water from each of said first and second reservoirs needed to mix with a quantity of said formula in order to prepare said achieve the fluid food at said with the desired consumption temperature, and further operable; and
- (d) ~~a controller being operably coupled with said data processor, each to control operation of said first and second controllable water outlets so as to dispense said calculated quantities of water for mixing with said quantity of formula, said data-processor/controller being further designed and configured to said controllable dispenser for dispensing said quantity of water from each of said water reservoirs and for dispensing said quantity of formula from said container, so as to prepare the fluid food with the~~

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desired consumption temperature command alternating periodic heating of water in said first and second reservoirs to sterilization temperatures, said periodic heating being so controlled that at first times said first reservoir contains water at a temperature above said desired consumption temperature and said second reservoir contains water below said desired consumption temperature, and at second times said first reservoir contains water at a temperature below said desired consumption temperature and said second reservoir contains water above said desired consumption temperature, thereby enabling periodic sterilization by boiling of water in both said first and said second reservoirs, and also enabling said production of food at said desired consumption temperature by mixing of said formula with selected amounts of water from said first and second reservoirs.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said data-processor/controller comprises a data processor and said controller are integrated on a single electronic chip.

3-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said data-processor/controller is programmed said heater is designed to boil the water for a period of at least about 20 seconds during said periodic re-heating of water in said first and second reservoirs.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said at least one of said first and second reservoirs-reservoir is sealed such that steam produced by boiling water therein remains captured and reliquifiable upon condensation when cooled.

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8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said data-processor/controller ~~heater is designed~~ is designed to periodically reboil ~~the~~ water in said first reservoir at predetermined intervals.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein said data-processor/controller ~~is designed to~~ heater is designed to operate and boil water in ~~contact~~ therewith about every 1-5 hours.

10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein said data-processor/controller ~~heater is designed to~~ operate and boil water ~~in contact therewith~~ about every 2-4 hours.

11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein said data-processor/controller ~~heater is designed to~~ operate and boil water ~~in contact therewith~~ about every 3 hours.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said desired consumption temperature is about 25 to about 35 degrees centigrade, said data processor and said controller being designed and configured for determining said quantity of water from each of said first and second reservoirs needed to mix with said quantity of said formula in order to ~~produce~~ achieve the said fluid food ~~at~~ with a consumption temperature of between about 25 and to about 35 degrees centigrade.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising a second ~~at least one additional~~ container for holding at least one additional ingredient, said second ~~at least one additional~~ container having a second controllable dispenser for optionally dispensing a quantity of said additional ingredient.

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16. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said additional container is designed to dispense one of a group consisting of ingredient is a food supplement, a medicament, and a flavoring.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said data-processor/controller data-processor is operably coupled with a user interface, said user interface being for displaying information related to said fluid food and for accepting input related to said fluid food, such that said data-processor/controller ~~controller~~ controls the dispensing of said quantities of water and said quantity of formula according to said input.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, designed and constructed to be operable to dispense water from said first and second reservoirs and formula from said first container into a recipient ~~wherein said fluid food is suitable for feeding an infant.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, designed and constructed to be operable to dispense water from said first and second reservoirs and formula from said first container into a recipient ~~wherein said fluid food is suitable for feeding an adult a subject in need of liquid feeding.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said container and said first controllable dispenser for dispensing said formula are designed and constructed so as to substantially avoid dispensing any of said formula such that said first and second controllable water ~~outlet-outlets~~ will become contaminated with remnants of said formula.

23. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said first container is designed and constructed for recharging with said formula when depleted.

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24. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said container is prepackaged with said formula and is disposable when depleted.

25. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said container is designed and constructed to operably accept therein a prepackaged refill containing said formula.

26. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said data-processor/controller data-processor is operable to communicate information related to its operations via a communications network.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing a fluid food of a desired consumption temperature, comprising using an automated or semi-automated device for dispensing desired quantities of water of a first temperature, water of a second temperature and a formula into a vessel, so as to obtain the fluid food having the desired consumption temperature.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said automated device comprises

- (a) at least two water reservoirs, each having a controllable water outlet and a thermal sensor for detecting a temperature of water therein;
- (b) a container for holding a formula, said container having a controllable dispenser for dispensing said formula; and
- (c) a data processor being operably coupled with each said thermal sensor, for receiving thermal records therefrom and for determining a quantity of water from each of said reservoirs needed to mix with a quantity of said formula in order to achieve the fluid food with the desired consumption temperature; and
- (d) a controller being operably coupled with said data processor, each said controllable outlet and said controllable dispenser for dispensing said quantity of water from each of said water

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reservoirs and for dispensing said quantity of formula from said container, so as to prepare the fluid food with the desired consumption temperature.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising heating water contained in at least one of said reservoirs.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising heating water contained in each of said reservoirs.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising boiling water contained in at least one of said reservoirs.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising boiling the water for a period of at least 20 seconds.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising boiling the water such that steam produced thereby remains captured and reliquifiable upon condensation when cooled.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising periodically reboiling the water at predetermined intervals.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, further comprising boiling the water about every 1-5 hours.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, further comprising boiling the water about every 2-4 hours.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34, further comprising boiling the water about every 3 hours.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising boiling water contained in each of said reservoirs.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, further comprising alternately periodically heating the water, such that at any given time one of said reservoirs contains water at a temperature above said desired consumption temperature, and the other reservoir contains water at a temperature below said desired consumption temperature.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, further comprising using said automated device for optionally dispensing a desired quantity of at least one additional ingredient, said automated device further comprising at least one additional container for holding said at least one additional ingredient, said additional container having a controllable dispenser for dispensing said additional ingredient.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein said additional ingredient is a food supplement.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein said additional ingredient is a medicament.

43. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein said additional ingredient is a flavoring.

44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising providing input to said processor via a user interface operably coupled to said processor such that said automated device dispenses said desired quantities of water and of said formula according to said input.

45. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said fluid food is suitable for feeding an infant.

46. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said fluid food is suitable for a subject in need of liquid feeding.

47. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising dispensing said formula so as to substantially avoid contaminating said controllable water outlet with remnants of said formula.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, further comprising communicating data related to said fluid food via a communications network, said data processor being for communicating with a communication server.

49. (Withdrawn) A method of selling fluid food comprising:

- (a) providing a device of claim 1 in a location;
- (b) identifying said device with a mark, said mark associated with a formula manufacturer;
- (c) introducing in dispensers of said device a formula associated with said formula manufacturer; and
- (d) providing a customer with fluid food made by said device.

50. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 49 wherein said location is a publicly accessible location.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 49 wherein said providing a customer with fluid food is contingent on payment.

52. (New) The device of claim 1, designed and constructed to be operable to dispense water from said first and second reservoirs and formula from said first container into a recipient suitable for enteral feeding.



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53. (New) The device of claim 1, further comprising a weight sensor operable to weigh a recipient for said fluid food before and after filling of said recipient.

54. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said data-processor/controller is further operable to calculate and to record amounts of food consumed by subtracting, from a recorded weight of a recipient containing freshly prepared food, a detected weight of said recipient subsequent to food consumption by a user.

55. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein said data-processor/controller is operable to record and report times and amounts of food preparation.